

Meet These Girls at the Pleasanton Public Library

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Children’s Paperbacks
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Realistic and Historical Fiction

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Grades 6-9 (251 p) *Audiobook available*
In 1793, Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.



Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel by Ruth McNally Barshaw
Grades 4-6 (170 p)
Sequel: Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School
Eleven-year-old Ellie McDoodle illustrates her sketchbook with chronicles of her adventures and mishaps while camping with her cousins, aunt, and uncle.



The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Grades 4-7 (278 p) *Audiobook available*
A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.



I’d Tell You I Love You, but Then I’d Have to Kill You by Ally Carter
Grades 7-9 (284 p) *Audiobook available*
Gallagher Girl series
As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from “normal teenage life” until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.



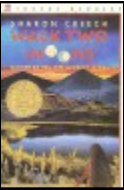
Notes from a Liar and Her Dog by Gennifer Choldenko
Grades 5-8 (216 p) *Audiobook available*
Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her “real” parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog, Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.



Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang Compestine
Grades 5-8 (248 p) *Audiobook available*
Starting in 1972 when she is nine years old, Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists’ Cultural Revolution, which empties stores of food, homes of appliances deemed “bourgeois,” and people of laughter.



Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Grades 4-7 (280 p)
After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother’s route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.



Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Grades 6-9 (169 p) *Audiobook available*
The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.



Bettina Valentino and the Picasso Club by Niki Daly
Grades 4-6 (103 p)
A controversial new teacher at Bayside Preparatory School introduces the exciting world of art to aspiring artist Bettina Valentino and her fifth-grade classmates, encouraging them to see everyday life in a different way.



Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Grades 4-7 (144 p) *Audiobook available*
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly, dog, Winn-Dixie.

Neela, Victory Song by Chitra Divakaruni
Grades 5-8 (196 p) *Girls of Many Lands series*
In 1939, twelve-year-old Neela meets a young freedom fighter at her sister’s wedding and soon after must rely on his help when her father fails to return home from a march in Calcutta against British occupation.



The Sacrifice by Kathleen Benner Duple
Grades 6-9 (251 p)
Two sisters, aged ten and twelve, are accused of witchcraft in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1692 and await trial in a miserable prison while their mother desperately searches for some way to obtain freedom.

The Porcupine Year by Louise Erdrich
Grades 5-8 (193 p) *Audiobook available*
Sequel to: The Birchbark House and The Game of Silence
In 1852, forced by the United States government to leave their beloved Island of the Golden Breasted Woodpecker, fourteen-year-old Omokayas and her Ojibwe family travel in search of a new home.



The Skin I’m In by Sharon G. Flake
Grades 6-8 (171 p)
Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.



Shadow Spinner by Susan Fletcher
Grades 7-9 (219 p) *Audiobook available*
When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan’s harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen’s life.

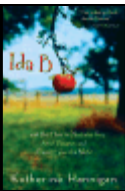
Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
Grades 4-7 (170 p) *Audiobook available* — *Julie series*
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

The Diamond of Drury Lane by Julia Golding
Grades 6-9 (424 p) *A Cat Royal Adventure series*
Catherine “Cat” Royal, an orphan who lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the “diamond” supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.



Ida B: And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World
by Katherine Hannigan

Grades 4-7 (246 p)
In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family’s apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.



Penny from Heaven by Jennifer Holm
Grades 5-8 (274 p) *Audiobook available*
As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family, while also learning a secret about her father’s death.

Popular Girl Series
Shelved in J Paperbacks by first letter of series title
or by first letter of author’s last name
(may also be shelved in J Fiction or J Moving Up by author’s last name)

Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor - *Grades 4-8*

American Girls Collection by various authors - *Grades 3-4*

Amber Brown by Paula Danziger - *Grades 3-4*

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery - *Grades 4-8*

Betsy-Tacy by Maude Hart Lovelace - *Grades 2-4*

Cobble Street Cousins by Cynthia Rylant
Moving Up -Grades 2-4

Harriet Bean by Alexander McCall Smith - *Grades 2-4*

Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows - *Moving Up - Grades 2-4*

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald *Moving Up - Grades 2-4*

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park - *Moving Up - Grades 2-4*

Lily Quench by Natalie Jane Prior - *Grades 3-5*

Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene - *Grades 4-8*

Protector of the Small by Tamora Pierce - *Grades 6-8*

Ramona by Beverly Cleary - *Grades 3-6*

Sammy Keyes by Wendelin Van Draanen - *Grades 4-7*

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Winnie at Her Best by Jennifer Jacobson
Grades 2-4 (84 p) *Winnie series — Moving Up Collection*
Zoe is the smartest speller and Vanessa is the top actress in the fourth grade, but Winnie doesn’t know what she does best until she helps a young neighbor in need.



Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Grades 6-9 (244 p) *Audiobook available*
This book chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950’s, early 1960’s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages
Grades 5-9 (321 p) *Audiobook available — Sequel: White Sands, Red Menace*
In 1943, having joined her father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, eleven-year-old Dewey Kerrigan starts working on her own science project.

Girl, 15, Charming but Insane by Sue Limb
Grades 6-9 (140 p) *Audiobook available — Girl, 15 series*
Fifteen-year-old Jess, living with her mum, separated from her father in Cornwall, and with a best friend who seems to do everything perfectly, finds her own assets through humor.



The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin
Grades 3-5 (134 p) *Audiobook available — Sequel: The Year of the Rat*
Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
Grades 2-4 (207 p) *Pippi series*
The humorous escapades of a fearless little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey — but without any parents — at the edge of a Swedish village.



Rules by Cynthia Lord
Grades 5-8 (200 p) *Audiobook available*
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.



Faith, Hope, and Ivy June by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Grades 5-8 (280 p)
During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.



The Wedding Planner’s Daughter by Coleen Paratore
Grades 4-8 (200 p) *Audiobook available*
Wedding Planner’s Daughter series
Willi, a romantic girl who wants a father, tries to find a husband for her mother, Cape Cod’s most popular wedding planner.

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron
Grades 4-6 (134 p) *Audiobook available*
Sequel: Lucky Breaks
Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.



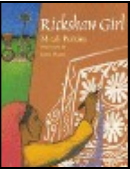
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
Grades 3-5 (133 p) *Audiobook available*
Clementine series
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



Monsoon Summer by Mitali Perkins
Grades 6-9 (257 p)
Secretly in love with her best friend and business partner, Steve, fifteen-year-old Jazz must spend the summer away from him when her family goes to India during that country’s rainy season to help set up a clinic.



Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins
Grades 3-5 (91 p)
In her Bangladesh village, ten-year-old Naimi excels at painting designs called alpanas, but this brings in no money. In order to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy — or disguise herself as one.



Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Grades 5-8 (262 p)
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave the life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.



A Drowned Maiden’s Hair: A Melodrama by Laura Amy Schlitz — Grades 5-8 (389 p)
At the Barbary Asylum for female Orphans, eleven-year-old Maud is adopted by three spinster sisters moonlighting as mediums who take her home and reveal to her the role she will play in their séances.



The Skirt by Gary Soto
Grades 3-4 (74 p) *Moving Up Collection*
When Miata leaves on the school bus the skirt that she is to wear in a dance performance, she needs all her wits to get it back without her parents’ finding out that she has lost something yet again.



Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Grades 6-9 (140 p) *Audiobook available*
Sequel: Love, Stargirl
In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.



The Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer
Grades 4-6 (216 p) *Audiobook available*
Enola Holmes Mystery series
Enola Holmes, a much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.



Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild
Grades 4-7 (281 p) *Audiobook available — Shoes series*
Determined to make a name for themselves, three adopted sisters living in London train for the ballet and the stage and in the process discover that each has a special talent.



At the Sign of the Star by Katherine Sturtevant
Grades 5-8 (140 p) *Sequel: A True and Faithful Narrative*
In seventeenth-century London, Meg, who has little interest in cooking, needlework, or other homemaking skills, dreams of becoming a bookseller and someday inheriting her widowed father’s book store.



Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell out of a Tree by Lauren Tarshis
Grades 5-7 (199 p) *Audiobook available*
A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.



The Case of the Goblin Pearls by Laurence Yep
Grades 4-6 (179 p) *Chinatown Mysteries series*
Lily and her aunt, a Chinese-American movie actress, join forces to solve the theft of some priceless pearls and stop the operator of a sweatshop in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen
Grades 5-8 (234 p)
As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England’s King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display.



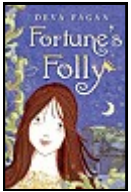
Fantasy and Science Fiction

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
Grades 4-7 (232 p) *Audiobook available*
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.



Enchantress from the Stars by Sylvia Engdahl
Grades 7-9 (288 p)
When young Elana unexpectedly joins the team leaving the spaceship to study the planet Andrecia, she becomes an integral part of an adventure involving three very different civilizations, each one centered on the third planet from the star in its own solar system.

Fortune’s Folly by Deva Fagan
Grades 6-9 (260 p)
Ever since her mother died and her father lost his shoemaking skills, Fortunata has survived by pretending to tell fortunes, but when she is tricked into telling the fortune of a prince she is faced with the impossible task of fulfilling her wild prophecy to save her father’s life.



Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Grades 5-8 (162 p) *Audiobook available*
Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.



Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Grades 5-8 (314 p) *Audiobook available*
While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from their mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

The Puppy Sister by S. E. Hinton
Grades 3-5 (122 p)
A young boy is astonished when his new puppy begins to change into a human girl who says to him, “I love you brother!”



Suddenly Supernatural: School Spirit by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
Grades 5-8 (316 p) *Audiobook available*
Suddenly Supernatural series
Like her mother, a professional medium, Kat has been able to see dead people since turning thirteen, and although they would prefer to be normal, Kat and her best friend come to terms with their own talents while helping free the spirit of a girl trapped at their middle school.



Skullduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
Grades 6-9 (392 p) *Audiobook available — Skullduggery Pleasant series*
When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle’s estate, she must join forces with Skullduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

The Blue Sword by Robin McKinley
Grades 7-9 (248 p)
Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.



Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City by Kirsten Miller
Grades 6-9 (369 p) *Sequel: Kiki Strike: The Empress’s Tomb*
Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.



Sabriel by Garth Nix
Grades 6-9 (292 p) *Audiobook available*
The Abhorsen Chronicles
Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer, Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.



Life as We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer
Grades 7-10 (337 p) *Audiobook available*
Companion: The Dead and the Gone
Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family’s struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest by Nancy Springer
Grades 5-8 (170 p) *Audiobook available — Tale of Rowan Hood series*
In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy, befriends a half-wolf, half-dog, a runaway princess, and an overgrown boy whose singing is hypnotic, and makes peace with her elfin heritage.

Bella at Midnight by Diane Stanley
Grades 5-8 (278p)
Raised by peasants, Bella discovers that she is actually the daughter of a knight and finds herself caught up in a terrible plot that will change her life and kingdom forever.

